



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Kootenai National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2023	Expected: 04/2023	05/2023	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)					
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:08/2023	01/2024	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 becky.blanchard@usda.gov
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management objectives and practices and desired conditions for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District, Tonasket Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.				

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Matthew McGrath 503-808-2405 mtmcgrath@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA.				

Kootenai National Forest	Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Kootenai National Forest Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region					
BMU 4 Access Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/27/2023	Expected:05/2023	05/2023	Katelyn Miller 406-827-0717 katelyn.miller2@usda.gov
	Description: The Cabinet Ranger District is proposing access changes in the Bull Bear Management Unit (BMU4) that reduce the total and open road density and increase the core habitat available to grizzly bears as required by the 2015 Land Management Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61529				
	Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T26N, R32W; T26N, R33W; T27N, R32W; T27N, R33W; T27N, R34W; T28N, R32W; T28N, R33W; and T28N, R34W; Montana PMM. The BMU 4 Access Project is located northeast of the Clark Fork River on the Cabinet District of the Kootenai National Forest in Sanders County, Montana.				
Dry Creek Sediment Reduction EA	- Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 craig.neesvig@usda.gov
	Description: rehabilitation of deteriorating road system which is currently closed to all public motorized use, and prevent future mass wasting, sediment delivery and erosion from the road system to Dry Creek and related minor tributaries.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46995				
	Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T28N;R33W;S30;T28N;R33W;S24,25,36; Sanders County, PMM. Dry Creek, a tributary to the Bull River.				
McKay-Engle EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2022	Expected:03/2023	05/2023	Keli Ward 530-836-7157 Keli.Ward@usda.gov
	Description: Build resistance and resiliency to disturbance through vegetation management, reduce hazardous fuels, provide forest products, and build whitebark pine resistance to blister rust through restoration and planting				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60141				
	Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - portions of sections 4-6 of T25N, R31W; 1 and 2 of T25N, R32W; 7, 16-21, and 28-33 of T26N, R31W; 9-16, 21-28, 33-36 of T26N, R32W, PMM. Approximately 10 miles northwest of Trout Creek, Montana, in the McKay, Orr, and Rock Creek drainages in Sanders County.				

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Kootenai National Forest Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Saw Creek CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2022	Expected:05/2023	09/2023	Steven Snell 406-827-3533 steven.snell@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of the Saw Creek Project is to improve forest stand health affected by insects and disease and to reduce hazardous fuels near Trout Creek, MT.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63299				
	Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T 22N, R 30W, Sec 6,7; T22N, R 31W, Sec 1, 11-14. Approximately 11 miles southeast of Trout Creek, MT in the Saw Creek and Little Beaver Creek drainages on the Cabinet Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest.				
Smeads Bench Trail 1077 Reroute CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2021	Expected:07/2021	06/2023	Kira Powell 4068270731 kira.powell@usda.gov
	Description: Reroute approximately 1/4 mile segment with chronic erosion issues to a more sustainable location. New section of trail would be a 1/2 mile, constructed to the same trail class standards and specifications with adequate drainage.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60278				
	Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Smeads Creek, west of Noxon MT. Section 20, T 26N R33W, 47.999 115.879.				
Vermilion River Restoration EA	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 craig.neesvig@usda.gov
	Description: stream habitat restoration program proposed for 9 specific reaches on the Vermilion River over a 10 yr period				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31702				
	Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - S31-33; T25N; R29W; and S1-4, T24N; R30W; Sanders County; PMM. Vermilion River reaches approx. 3.6 miles in an area beginning ~0.5 miles below Vermilion Falls and downstream to about Lyons Gulch.				

Kootenai National Forest	Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Kootenai National Forest Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region					
Laughing Water Irrigation Ditch Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/17/2023	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Elizabeth Youngstrom 406-283-7787 elizabeth.youngstrom@usda.gov
	Description: Analyze special use permit request to rebuild water intake point of diversion and install a buried water line across National Forest System Land.				
	Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T 35 N, R 25 W, Section 28. Laughing Water Creek.				
Lincoln Electric Brandon Underground Cable Installation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2023	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Elizabeth Youngstrom 406-283-7787 elizabeth.youngstrom@usda.gov
	Description: %u200BThe purpose of the project is to authorize Lincoln Electric Cooperative Inc. to install a buried electrical line across National Forest System land. %u200BThe proponent wishes to install a buried cable route approximately 260 feet long.				
	Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T34N R25W section 29. %u200BThe project is located in T34N R25W section 29, of Principle Montana Meridian. Approximately 1.5 miles Southwest of Trego, MT.				
Rainbow Lake Rotenone Application CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/14/2022	Expected:03/2023	07/2023	Pat Price 406-296-2536 patrick.price@usda.gov
	Description: Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is proposing to apply Rotenone to Rainbow Lake to remove Yellowstone cutthroat trout to later restock with native westslope cutthroat trout.				
	Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T37N, R25W, Section 8. Rainbow Lake.				
Sunday Vegetation Management CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/28/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Moira McKelvey 406-296-2536 moira.mckelvey@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation Management and Fuels Reduction in the Sunday Creek area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63051				
Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Lincoln. LEGAL - All or Portions of T34N R25W, T34N R24W, T33N R25W, T33N R24W, T32N R26W, T32N R25W. Sunday Creek Drainage, Stryker MT.					

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Kootenai National Forest Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Ten Lakes Travel Management Project EIS	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Moira McKelvey 406-296-7137 moira.mckelvey@usda.gov
	Description: Proposed activities include designation of over-snow motorized use areas and non-snow trail management. For more info click here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/kootenai/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3841289&width=full				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprd3841289 .				
	Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located North and East of Eureka, Montana.				

Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Libby Exploration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/07/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2023	Expected:02/2024	03/2024	Craig Towery 406-283-7657 craig.towery@USDA.gov
	Description: The Project is a deposit evaluation program that consists of drilling for locatable precious metals over the next four to five years. The State of Montana issued Operating Permit No. 00150 area encompasses 219 acres.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=stelprdb5290833				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 20 miles south of the town of Libby in Lincoln County, Montana near the Cabinet Mountains of northwestern Montana.				
Norman McCedar EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2023	Expected:08/2023	08/2023	Matthew Bienkowski 970-874-6697 matthew.bienkowski@usda.gov
	Description: Project to reduce fuels in the Libby fireshed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63419				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T31N R32W Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, T31N R31W Section 31, T30N R32W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 12, T30N R31W, Sections 6, 7. Project area is approximately one mile southwest of Libby, MT.				

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Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Stargazing Mining Operation EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jamison Smith 406-283-7556 Jamison.Smith@usda.gov
	Description: Operators of the Stargazing mine are proposing a mining operation that would remove approximately 100 tons of placer material from the mountainside and set up three core drilling sites to explore for minerals.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58940				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - This project consists of land in Section 28 of Township 29 North, Range 31 West P.M.M. in Lincoln County, Montana. The Stargazing mining claims, and proposed activity, are located on the south side of Little Hoodoo Mountain south of Libby, Montana, and off of the Cherry Creek Road.				
Stimson Lumber Company Access CE	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Keith Karoglanian 406-283-7567 keith.karoglanian@usda.gov
	Description: Provide management access to Stimson Lumber Company lands through National Forest land. Two short segments of new road, totaling about 2600 feet (about 3 acres), would replace access on costly and currently inaccessible National Forest System roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55008				
	Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T32N, R31W, S18-19. Northwest of Libby, Montana in the Bobtail Creek drainage off of National Forest System roads 14485 and 6146.				

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Swamped EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants- Forest products- Vegetation management (other than forest products)- Fuels management- Watershed management- Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mandy.rockwell@usda.gov
Description: Use vegetation management treatments to improve forest conditions, hazardous fuels levels, and wildlife habitat; proposal may also include transportation management, watershed improvement, and noxious weed treatment in an area southeast of Libby, MT.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58810					
Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - This area consists of lands in all or portions of Townships 27, 28, and 29 North, Ranges 29 and 30 West P.M.M. in Lincoln County, Montana. The project area is southeast of Libby, MT, extending east from Highway 2 to the divide with the Fisher River. It ranges from the Elliot Creek drainage (north end) to lands near Arabian Lane.					

Kootenai National Forest		Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
Abayance to Bridge Trail Construction CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marcy Butts 406-296-7536 marcella.butts@usda.gov
	Description: Construct a 6.6 mile segment of the PNT between Abayance Bay Marina and the north side of the Pinkham Creek canyon and another 0.8 mile segment between the sound side of Pinkham Creek canyon and the Koocanusa Bridge to move trail off of HWY 37.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55260				
Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Sections 11, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 32, and 33, T36N, R28W; and Sections 4, 5, and 6, T35N, R28W. From Abayance Bay Marina to the Koocanusa Bridge.					

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Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Douglas Hill OHV and Dispersed Camping Areas EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/27/2022	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Marcella Butts 406-296-7536 marcella.butts@usda.gov
	Description: Recreation Site management to address increased use Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61767				
	Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T36N R27W, Section 6; T36N R28W, Section 1; T37N R27W, Sections 29-32. Douglas Hill area near the mouth of the Tobacco River. West of Eureka, Mt.				
Douglas Hill-Tobacco River Recreation Sites CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marcy Butts 406-882-4451 x8341 marcella.butts@usda.gov
	Description: modification of 3 recreation sites adjacent to Lake Koocanusa addressing overnight camping, dispersed sites, and ohv use Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59943				
	Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Recreation sites near the mouth of the Tobacco River adjacent to Lake Koocanusa.				
Edna Fortine Fuels Reduction Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/28/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 Ronald.Komac@usda.gov
	Description: Fuels reduction in the wildland urban interface in the Edna Creek and Fortine Creek drainages adjacent to Trego, MT Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62119				
	Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Edna Creek and Fortine Creek drainages east of Trego, MT.				

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Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Ksanka Creek Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/06/2022	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Pat Price 406-296-2536 patrick.price@usda.gov
	Description: Ksanka Creek runs through the district office compound. A new channel would be created and the stream would be relocated.				
	Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T36N R27W Section 11. Behind Eureka Ranger Station.				

Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Keeler Creek Side Channel Plug CE	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/02/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 lisa.osborn@usda.gov
	Description: Plug a side channel of Keeler Creek because the road is at risk of washout. The work would armor the head end of the channel against bankfull and higher runoff events to minimize erosive flow down the channel and towards the road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60365				
Pleasant Pheasant Project EA *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project site is located in Lincoln County, Montana in Section 30, T30N, R35W, approximately 5.5 miles up the unpaved portion of NFSR 473 at the junction with NFSR 404.				
	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2023	Expected:03/2024	05/2024	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us
	Description: We are proposing timber harvest; mechanical and hand piling of fuels; wildlife and aquatic habitat improvement such as prescribed burning and stream restoration work.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62875				
	Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project area is located about 10 miles north of Troy, MT and is bordered on the north and west by the Yaak River, the east by the South Yaak River/Pipe Creek and the south by 17 Mile Creek.				

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Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Yaak Air Force Base NSFI Parcel Conveyance CE	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Dick Harlow 406-295-4693, dharlow@fs.fed.us
	Description: The conveyance of a parcel of land that is 0.19 acres in size that is completely surrounded by a single private landowner. To be implemented by a direct sale through the Forest Service Facilities and Realignment Act.				
	Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - SW1/4 Section 35, T36N, R32W, PMM; Lincoln County, MT. NE of Yaak, MT.				

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